

Yoncalla Rural Fire District

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Cettsburg, Pennsylvania 17326

Re: FCC PR DOCKET #92-235 - Replacement of Part 90 by Part 88 to Revise the Private Land Mobile Radio Service and to Modify the Polocies Governing Them.

YONCALLA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT is part of the Douglas County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Jurisdiction and Consolidated Communications system. Douglas County Emergency Communications recieves the 9-1-1 Emergency Calls for service in our Fire District, notifies our agency by radio pager. This is done from one of three (3) radio transmitter sites. These sites are now transmitting between 50 and 100 Watts of Power. On ocassions, due to the mountainous terrain in Douglas County, some of the pagers fail to work.

The proposed rule changes, that would limit maximum authorized effective radiated power with regards to antenna height above the average terrain, could result in Douglas County Emergency Communications having to reduce transmitter out-put power to 5 Watts at most of the radio sites.

If Douglas County Emergency Communications were required to reduce the out-put power on the three fire radio sites to the required 5 Watts, they could no longer talk to our agency. We would have to develope our own communications system, and that would be cost prohibitive, we would be forced out of business, and the citizens of our Fire District would be without fire service. This action would set the fire service in Douglas County back 20 years.

The proposed Rule Changes would be devastating to Public Safety in the Suburban and Rural areas like Douglas County. YONCALLA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT is protesting these proposed rule changes and would like to see some exceptions in the rural areas in the Pacific Northwest.

Yours in Public Safety,

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